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CORRECTED NOTICE RE: Changes to the Washington Preferred Drug List

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Dear Interested Party:

Following recommendations by the Washington State Pharmacy and Therapeutics Committee, the Department of Social and Health Services - Medical Assistance Administration (DSHS-MAA), the Health Care Authority - Uniform Medical Plan (UMP), and the Department of Labor & Industries (L&I) the following drugs have been named as preferred in their respective therapeutic classes on the Washington State Preferred Drug List:

Proton Pump Inhibitors

omeprazole tablets (Prilosec OTC ®)
lansoprazole tablets (Prevacid Solutab
®)*
lansoprazole capsules (Prevacid®)
lansoprazole powder (Prevacid®)*

Statins

atorvastatin (Lipitor ®)

lovastatin**

pravastatin (Pravachol ®)

Estrogens

esterified estrogen (Menest ®)
estradiol tablets**
conjugated equine estrogen vaginal
cream (Premarin Cream®)

*Subject to Expedited Prior Authorization for special populations

** generic products only unless otherwise stated

Each agency will use the common PDL according to its benefit structure.

DSHS-MAA and UMP will implement the statin class on January 1, 2005 and will implement the proton pump inhibitor class on April 1, 2005. DSHS-MAA will implement the estrogen class in December 2004; UMP will implement the estrogen class on April 1, 2005.

If you have other questions or comments regarding this announcement, please contact Erika Clayton at (206) 521-2027 or by email at pdp@hca.wa.gov.

Sincerely,

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